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Mrs. Harding's Condition Remains Serious—White House Grounds Closed

FOUR PHYSICIANS

President Cancels All Engagements For the Day—Spends Restless Night by Wife's Bedside

Washington, Sept. 9.—Dr. Sawyer, the President's official physician at 12:35 came out of Mrs. Harding's room and said that there was no change in Mrs. Harding's condition. He announced there will be no official bulletins issued until 8 o'clock tonight.

The morning bulletin was accompanied by an order to close the White House and grounds to visitors and by the cancellation of President Harding's engagements for the day.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Deep in the valley of the shadow, Mrs. Harding, wife of the president, today fought a grim battle with death.

Attorney General Daugherty, who spent the entire night at the White House, said on leaving early this morning that Mrs. Harding appeared to have passed a "fairly comfortable night"; but that her condition was "extremely grave."

Daugherty was pale and worn, having sat up most of the night.

This followed a night of anxious watching, during the early hours of which complications developed which caused Dr. C. E. Sawyer, physician to the President and Mrs. Harding, to issue an official bulletin describing Mrs. Harding's condition as "critical" and stating that her recovery was not yet assured.

Four physicians and a nurse remained at Mrs. Harding's bedside until after 3 a. m. today. At least one of the doctors will be at her side constantly until the crisis in her illness has passed.

Speeding from Rochester, Minn., is Dr. Charles Mayo, famous surgeon. He was summoned last night after a consultation among the other doctors attending. Dr. George T. Harding, the President's brother, also is on his way from Columbus, Ohio.

The summons to Mayo gave rise to the belief that a surgical operation might be necessary to save Mrs. Harding's life.

In attendance with Dr. Sawyer were his son, Dr. Carl W. Sawyer, Dr. Joel T. Boone, medical officer of the Presidential yacht Mayflower, and Dr. John Finney, of Baltimore, who was hastily called in last night.

Mayo is due in Washington early Sunday.

President Harding was up at daybreak, having been sent to bed by Dr. Sawyer at 3 a. m.

Late in the afternoon, Secretary of the Navy Denby, just returned from his trip to the Orient, called at the White House and expressed his sympathy to the President. There were many other callers during the day and evening, while telegrams poured in from all sections of the country inquiring as to Mrs. Harding's condition.

Attorney General Daugherty came over early in the night and remained until a late hour.

Mrs. Sawyer, wife of the presidential physician, who had been at the White House during the greater part of the day, left late to return to her hotel. Secretary Christian and Comptroller of the Currency Crisinger likewise went to their homes when they found they could accomplish nothing by remaining.

The news that Mrs. Harding's life was actually in danger startled Washington last night, even though an earlier announcement from the White House had stated that her condition was causing much concern. Following the arrival from Baltimore of Dr. Finney, shortly after 9 p. m., the following statement was issued:

"Mrs. Harding, whose illness is a recurrence of attacks experienced before coming to the White House developed complications Thursday and Friday nights which make her condition critical.

"These complications are so serious that recovery is not yet assured.

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But her "fighting spirit" carried her through then, and that is what her friends are counting on in the present crisis to bring her safely past the danger point. Mrs. Harding carries now, however, the additional handicap of six additional years. She is more than sixty years old.

All during Friday, President Harding, though plainly showing in his increased gravity and by his worried look and deep anxiety Mrs. Harding's illness caused him, forced himself to attend to his official duties. He cut the cabinet meeting to a scant 20 minutes, however, and when he appeared at his semi-weekly conference with newspaper men late in the afternoon, he was pale and drawn. The President himself, ministered to his wife's wants as much as the doctors and nurses would let him, and last night refused to go to bed until Dr. Sawyer finally ordered him, for the sake of his own health, to seek some rest.

The arrival of Dr. Finney from Baltimore caused a flurry of excitement among the watchers at the White House. Finney rushed from his taxi-cab into the executive mansion, brushing from his path one man who sought to question him.

George T. Christian, President (Continued on Page Three)

Lewis Says That Strike Ends Today

(By United Press.)
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 9.—The anthracite suspension will end today, according to John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers.

Ratification of the Pepper-Reed proposal for settlement of the five months' suspension will come at today's session of the tri-district convention, he said.

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NOT NECESSARILY FATAL, SAYS DR. VANDER HOOF

Dr. D. Vander Hoof, a leading physician of Richmond, stated today that hydro-nephrosis, from which Mrs. Harding is suffering, is a swelling of the kidney to the bladder. The obstruction, Dr. Vander Hoof said, is sometimes caused by a kink in the duct, or may be the result of some other impending substance. The effects of the swelling, he said, are not necessarily serious, although the condition of the patient and the merits of the individual case would be of paramount importance in determining this.

The fact that a half-dozen surgeons have been called to the bedside of Mrs. Harding, however, leads to the conviction that the swelling has proven serious, and in the opinion of the original physicians, may be fatal.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Mrs. Harding's critical illness marks the second occasion within recent years when death has cast its shadows athwart the White House.

For many years, late in his second term as President, Woodrow Wilson lay almost at death's door, a victim, like Mrs. Harding, of a serious organic disorder. As in the case of the President's wife, the greatest specialists in the country called on all their skill and science to save the distinguished patient. Like Wilson, Mrs. Harding is a person of great strength of will. Wilson's will power helped greatly, his doctors said in his recovery. Mrs. Harding's friends count on her will to beat off the encroachments of disease.

REOPENING OF SCHOOLS MONDAY

2,015 Permits Issued to White Children Thus Far

SCHOOLS CROWDED

Delay in Completion of New Building Will Necessitate Only One Session For Some Pupils.

Books and slates will be the order of the day beginning Monday for the 2,015 permits issued to white children thus far.

The children have been assigned to the grades in which they will study and a vast army of young folks from every quarter of the city armed with books and slates and other school accessories long before the school bell rings to announce that vacation days are over and school days are again here will start on the journey to the public schools to take up another scholastic year.

A total of 2,015 permits have been issued to white children to attend the public schools thus far and it is expected that this number will be increased by several hundred.

500 permits have been issued up to 1 o'clock this afternoon to colored children and it is expected that this number also will be considerably increased. The schools this session again will be crowded and children in the minor grades will only be able to attend one session. This is due to the fact that the new school building on the lot of the Alexandria High School has not yet been completed and will hardly be ready it is expected before the middle of December.

Chamber Commerce Directors Monday

An important meeting of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce will be held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at the rooms of that organization when a number of matters will be presented for consideration. This will be the first meeting of the directors since the summer recess. A meeting of the retail credit men's bureau of the chamber of commerce will be held at 8 o'clock Monday night and Wednesday night the retail merchants' bureau of that organization will hold a meeting.

Band Concert Success

The band concert given by the military band from Fort Myer at the corner of Washington and Prince streets last night attracted a throng of several thousand persons. The concert was greatly enjoyed by all present.



FRANK MICHELBAACH

One of Alexandria's leading business men as owner of the largest furniture establishment in this city, was born in Etison, N. J., in 1879 and came to Alexandria as a glassblower some 23 years ago. Seventeen years ago he founded the business in which he is now engaged.

Mr. Michelbach is married to Miss Irene L. Pettit. He is a very busy man for in addition to personally managing his business he has six children who like the company of their father.

WILSON CAR IS HELD UP IN FIRE JAM

Former President Gets Glimpse of Fire Apparatus

IS GIVEN OVATION

Wilson Party Detours and Tries Cobblestone Street—Was Enroute to Woodlawn.

Former President Woodrow Wilson at 4:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon got a glimpse of Alexandria's fire fighting apparatus and incidentally was compelled to detour over a few squares of cobblestones, traffic having been halted at the intersection of Alfred and Duke streets while the fire apparatus was in that vicinity.

The former President accompanied by Mrs. Wilson was taking his favorite afternoon ride being enroute to Woodlawn, Fairfax County. A few minutes before his automobile arrived the fire department was called to extinguish a small blaze in a house on Alfred street just south of Duke street. The Wilson car drove up and stopped for a few minutes. Many in the crowd recognized the former President and he was given a big ovation and while the former President doffed his hat and Mrs. Wilson smiled graciously, a policeman came up and suggested a detour in order that the party might not be delayed.

In a few minutes the Wilson car turned westward on Duke street and then turned south into Patrick street and after traversing another square again took the concrete road known as the Camp Humphreys road and resumed its journey without further interruption, returning through the city about 5:30 o'clock.

The work of improving nineteen squares on Washington, Prince, Duke, and Pitt streets under the direction of the city engineer soon will be completed.

Four squares on Washington street between Duke and Franklin streets have been completed with a modern bituminous macadam roadway and now this boulevard is one of the main roads for automobilists enroute to Mount Vernon.

Eight squares on Prince street between Royal and Fayette streets have almost been completed and the workmen are now engaged in the task of improving the last square on that street to be improved for the present, at least, which is between Henry and Fayette streets. Property owners on the last named square petitioned for the improvement after the appropriation for the original work had been made by the old city council.

Duke street from Royal to Washington streets already has been improved and prior to these improvements a bituminous macadam roadway had been laid on Duke between Washington and Columbus streets, facing the Alexandria Hospital. The improvement of Duke street will extend only to Henry street, thus making six squares of new improvements on that street. A square Pitt between Prince and Duke streets, was improved some time since.

Duke street will be the last street to be completed. Workmen have placed in the necessary curbing and have prepared the base for the roadway and soon this work will be completed.

This will add considerably to the number of already improved streets in the city and also divert the traffic from only a few streets. Property owners on the streets improved have paid their proportion of the cost.

Tournament and Barbecue

A barbecue and tournament for the benefit of the Arlington Athletic Club will be given at Fort Berry Station, Arlington, Athletic events will be held at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Senator Claude A. Swanson will be the orator of the day and Judge William C. Gloth will deliver the coronation address and the orator of the evening will be Representative R. Walton Moore.

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OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR SETTLEMENT WITHIN THE WEEK

Two Definite Plans Are Under Consideration—Government Is Not Party to Negotiations—Willard Busy in Chicago With Conferences

OFFICIALS WEAR FLOUR SACKS

Tailor-Made Suit At Cost Of Only Nine "Bucks"

National Women's Party Acquires "Old Capitol" For Headquarters—Plan to Remodel in Form of "Little White House."

Washington, September 9.—A new record in economy has been established by John Martyn, private secretary of Secretary of War Weeks, who appeared at the War Department today attired in a tailor-made suit that cost \$9.

Martyn spent his vacation on the Panama Canal, where he acquired four flour sacks, costing 25 cents each, out of which a Panama tailor made him a two-piece suit for \$8.

The flour sacks were of cotton and linen, closely woven, as is necessary to keep the moisture out of flour shipped to the Panama Railroad Commissary from American flour mills.

The garment is similar to a Palm Beach suit, although much heavier. Flour sacks are worn generally by officials of the Panama Canal, Martyn says.

Complete possession of the three buildings known as the "Old Capitol" and designed as an International Woman's Headquarters, comes into the hands of the National Woman's Party today.

The Woman's Party has owned the three houses into which the Old Capitol is now divided, for almost a year, but has been able to occupy only one of the houses as its headquarters until the present time because of long leases covering the other two.

Mrs. Oliver M. P. Belmont of New York, President of the Woman's Party, will reach the headquarters here in October, to spend at least a month supervising the making of plans for remodeling the buildings. In the meantime, the whole building will be used as headquarters for the Woman's Party equal-rights campaign and as a national clubhouse for women.

A conference of state and national officers of the Woman's Party called for November 11th and 12th to discuss and formulate the Party's legislative program for the coming year, will be the first official gathering of women in the headquarters after their complete taking over by the Party.

Remodeling the building will be a matter of years, and will entail the expenditure of more than \$100,000. The remodeling of the buildings as well as their original purchase price is a gift of Mrs. Belmont to the Woman's Party.

One plan for remodeling contemplates remodeling the buildings over most entirely, into the form of a "little white house," with the architecture in harmony with that of official buildings in Washington. Mrs. Belmont will make her plans for the remodeling before the conference in November, and will present them for approval to the conference.

The manufacture and sale of beer with a "kick" in it and containing an alcoholic content much greater than the one-half of one per cent, specified under the Volstead law is getting the better of prohibition officials. According to reports received at the office of Royal A. Haynes, U. S. Prohibition Commissioner, breweries in nearly every section of the country are turning out the "real stuff" and are getting away with it, despite the efforts on the part of hundreds of special agents and sleuths now on the pay roll of Commissioner Haynes' office to run down violators of the "dry" law and close up breweries in sections of the country alleged to be guilty of violating the Volstead act.

So serious has the situation become, according to the reports reaching Commissioner Haynes that he has called a conference of some twenty prohibition directors from as many states to meet him in Washington on September 12 to see if ways and means cannot be devised in the hope of checking the flow of beer now inundating certain sections of the country and towns of the United States much to the delight of those advocates of light wines and beer who are arguing that the pendulum has at last swung again in favor of a more liberal interpretation of the "dry" law.

Directors from New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and several states have been requested to meet Commissioner Haynes in Washington on September 12 and go over with him the situation at present existing in their various commonwealths in view of a more strict enforcement of the prohibition laws against the manufacture and sale of beer with an alcoholic content greater than existed in Pre-Volstead days.

ISAAC GREGG.

(By United Press.)
Chicago, Sept. 9.—The striking railroad leaders today asked the Federal Court to dissolve the Daugherty injunction. They filed a petition asking that the injunction be vacated on three grounds.

First—That the injunction is in violation of the Clayton act.

Second—That it was brought by ulterior motives and is unlawful and unconstitutional.

Third—That the injunction was obtained through misrepresentation. The petition will come up for hearing before Federal Judge Wilkerson Monday at the same time when the Government will ask that it be made permanent.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Government officials in close touch with developments in the industrial situation "have very good reasons" for believing that the next week or ten days will see settlements of the rail strike effected on a half dozen or more southern and western lines, an administration spokesman said today.

Efforts to bring about peace on a group of "liberal" lines, he said, are going forward in two directions "with prospects bright for success."

His statement apparently referred in part to the activities of Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio, who is now in Chicago arranging conferences with the heads of other roads that have held a conciliatory attitude lately in the strike.

At the same time Attorney General Daugherty in a formal statement said that the government would not interfere, under the terms of the Chicago injunction, with any meetings held for the purpose of discussing or negotiating a settlement. The government, however, is not a party to any such negotiations, Daugherty said.

The government officials said information coming to him indicated that two definite plans of settlement are being considered by rail executives and strike leaders. These plans, he stated, were practically alike except that in one the executives and strikers would agree to submit all points of dispute, after operations are resumed, to the railroad labor board at Chicago, while in the other, such disputes would be put up to a mixed commission of executives and union heads.

This latter method of settling controversies arising after the workers returned to their jobs is a part of the scheme being advanced by Willard, according to Chicago dispatches.

In both proposed peace plans, it was said, the strikers would yield on their seniority demands, in that they would not be guaranteed the same ranking as when they quit work on June 30th. The executives, it was stated, have refused if anything, during the past few weeks in their determination to protect the rights of men employed after the strike started.

Daugherty in his statement, declared that "suggestions" that peace efforts between union heads and executives would be interfered with under the temporary restraining order were "wholly unjustified."

"The only concern of the government," the attorney general stated, "in industrial peace and restoration of transportation, and any conference between the railroad executives and their former employees to adjust their grievances would not find any obstacle on the part of the government. On the other hand, such conferences would have the government's sympathy."

The Daugherty injunction was to be tested before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia today, when a hearing was scheduled on the suit brought by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to prevent federal agents from enforcing the injunction.

Webster Churchill Indicted For Murder

Additional indictments returned by a grand jury in the corporation court yesterday afternoon totaled nine and in three cases not true bills were returned. Those indicted yesterday afternoon included Webster Churchill, colored, charged with shooting and killing William A. Dade, colored.

Other true bills returned follow: Allen Roy, assault on May 19; two against Carl P. Falwell, forgery; Alexa Christian, grand larceny; Albert Brawner, Charles Lloyd, Theodore Rogers and Edward Deves, violating prohibition law. Not true bills were returned against Allen Roy, for assault July 19 and John Morevitz, prohibition law.

Dates for the trial of those indicted will be fixed upon Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the corporation court.

Each United States senator is chosen for a term of six years, unless he is appointed to fill the unexpired term of a member who has died or resigned.

Bible Thought for Today

Peace, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.—Matthew 10: 7, 8.